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Era of ATHANARIC

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The Era of ATHANARIC

Terwingian history during the decade before the invasion of the HUNS is dominated by the figure ATHANARIC, who has fascinated posterity as much as he did his contemporaries. The Visigoths of the 7th century still remembered ATHANARIC as their "Founder King." Even in the scheme of the AMAL Origo Gothica the non-AMAL ATHANARIC holds a special place. He is the first Gothic prince whose words CASSIODORUS

cites in direct speech. ATHANASIO'S victories
against Rome and his reconciliation with
the emperor at the end of his life seemed
exemplary for the history of Gothic identity
in West and East. Because the Goths previously
persecuted the Christians, the church histories
of the 5th century condemned him. He was
also involved in Gothic tribal feuds during
his entire life. Today Athanasius is considered
the first representative of Gothic political life "about
whom we are told more than his name"; the ancient
authors do not merely mention him or his activities but
also ascribe to him varied motives.

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There was a great earthquake
in Eg ypt.

Valens was on his way to Syria and had already reached Bithynia when in mid-summer 365 he received this ominous report from his border commanders, the Gothic people, for a long time untested and therefore extremely wild are embarking with a confidence and preparing to attack the neighboring Thracian provinces.

Valens reacted immediately, sending

horsesmen and foot soldiers to the threatened areas. While marching through Constantinople, however, the elite units were won over by Procopius, who made himself emperor with their help.

June 19, 365

Valentinian gave the commander of the provincia of Dacia ripensis the order to restore watchtowers or have new ones built. Valens took similar measures for his section of the "Gothic bank". The setting up of a chain of stations was to prevent the intrusion of trans-danubian raiders. The itineraries of the two emperors exclude the possibility that the Goths became restless before the spring of 365.

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Usurper Procopius (East)

while Valens was awaiting the abating of the summer heat in Asia Minor, Procopius accomplished a double feat. Taking advantage of the alleged or real Gothic danger, he managed to annex all of Thrace and order the Thervingi to fulfill their obligations as federates. At this time HTHANARIC was already the negotiating partner of the Romans; he was the man with whom Procopius

established the written contract

In the presence of the widow of Constantine II and with that emperor's small daughter on his arm, PROCOPIUS had presented himself to the army as a member of the FLAVIAN house; in other words, he demanded military support from the Goths. In response 3000 Teutonic elite warriors came to the usurper's aid. When they arrived in Constantinople they found Procopius no longer alive.

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King Israel

d. of Hillel II

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Persecution under Valens in the East